

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated February 21, 2008.

Claims 21-24, 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has rejected the Claims on the basis of the use of the term "thin client," which Applicant now deletes from the amended Claims as listed above.

Claims 21-24, 28, 31, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,633,914 issued to Bayeh et al. (*Bayeh*) in view of Microsoft TechNet, "Transmission Control Protocol," hereinafter cited as *TechNet*. Amended independent Claims 21 and 28 now recite "providing a common metadata framework for the first and second user interfaces as a database comprising a definition, one or more characteristics, a structure and a usage of data" or similar limitations, which are supported in an exemplary and non-limiting fashion at page 6, line 20 of Applicant's specification. Applicants assert this limitation is not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of *Bayeh* and *TechNet* cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants assert that independent Claims 21 and 28 are patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of *Bayeh* and *TechNet*. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent Claims 21 and 28, and are patentably distinguishable for this reason.

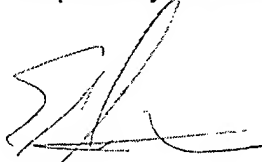
In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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